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Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1918.

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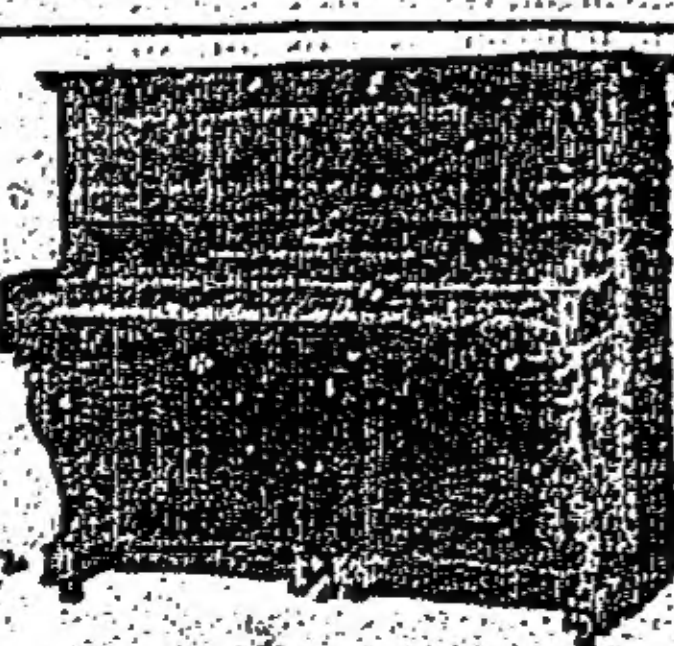
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## BOOKS AS GARDENS OF WEEDS.

Plants that flourish in books have been studied by Dr. Pierre See, who has recently told the Paris Academy of Sciences of his discoveries. The plants are varieties of mold-fungi of a low order. When crowded together they produce spots and blemishes on the leaves, which show the characteristic colour of the fungi. The fact that these spots are due to microscopical vegetation was discovered more than thirty years ago by a Hungarian botanist, Jules Schaarschmidt, who scraped the surface of old paper money, and, transferring the deposit into a drop of water under a microscope, was able to establish the presence of plant growth. We quote from a descriptive article, contributed to "The Scientific American."

"Dr. See has not been content with so superficial a glance. In observing closely, under high magnification, each spot of an old book or of a more recent volume which has been sejourning in a damp place, these are seen to be composed of two parts—a rather dark central nucleus, generally made up of the vegetative members technically known as the mycelium, and a lighter peripheral zone of more or less rounded contour, coloured by the secretions of the fungus and continually, through diffusion of the pigment, visible on both sides of the sheet. Likewise the molds are found in stages of vegetation varying widely according to the circumstances under which they have been living.

Here, for example, is a book printed in 1015 and left for several months near a wet wall. If we turn the leaves, we observe in certain places on page 28 a greenish-yellow discoloration due to perfectly developed "Chetomium." The spots on page 29 came from contact with the preceding ones when the book was closed. Continuing our indoor botanical expedition, we discover, upon certain pages, some rose-coloured spots caused by "Fusarium," while the tiny points scattered about the surface of the paper represent "Alternaria," reduced to a form of encysted preservation. Other species of book molds, like "Stachybotrys," give spores which reveal themselves in the form of a black powder when the paper is torn. All these germs do not proceed from a late infection, but exist in the raw fibres of the paper-making material; for when we examine freshly manufactured paper, either by a direct light or by looking through it, we see here, too, spots of different forms, which are sometimes even sensible to the touch.

"When found upon ancient volumes dating several centuries back the lower fungi are dead and decayed; they may then be differentiated by simple examination only in case it is a matter of "Chetomium" or of "Acrostagium," both of which leave a permanent characteristic spot. But if one herbivores in more recent volumes one will then discover mycelium elements still living and capable of developing into considerable areas.

"So Dr. See, a gardener of a new sort, has systematically cultivated mycelium collected from various sources. It is necessary to have his 'seeds' as he says, as possible, under pain of losing his small 'beds' overrun by all sorts of weeds—common molds. For his cultures he uses various media—carrots or potatoes, licorice, gelatin, paper, or wood; and he keeps them in tubes, in boxes, and in other small 'greenhouses' of glass. Frequently he employs licorice roots, with the cork bark peeled off to lay bare the yellow sapwood, whose tissues contain glycyrrhizin, a sweet substance very favourable to mold growth. Before 'planting' he heats the culture in an autoclave to 120 degrees, maintaining this temperature for an hour, in order to kill the parasitic spores."

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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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## BOXER LOOT.

## PROPOSAL THAT GERMANY RESTORE CHINESE INSTRUMENTS.

LONDON, December 15th. At a meeting of the Central Asia Society on December 15th, Colonel Pemberton suggested the suggestion of Colonel C. O. Yate that peace terms should include the restoration to China of the famous astronomical instruments taken from Peking in 1900. General Sir Edmund Barrow, who was chief of staff in the Boxer expedition, presided. He said the Anglo-American commanders very strongly protested against the distribution of these instruments. There were heated discussions, and two or three of the Powers, notably Germany, disagreed with the Anglo-American proposal to leave the instruments in Peking. He entirely agreed that the Germans should be compelled to restore those beautiful evidences of antiquity and of the range of Chinese civilisation to their proper place on the walls of Peking.

## REKINDLING GERMAN PATRIOTISM.

AMSTERDAM, December 15th. A statement from Berlin says it was in response to the desire of the soldiers' Government that it was agreed the ceremonial entry of troops into Berlin should include units from all the German tribes. A special department has been established to arrange it. This appears to have been a significant political move to rekindle German patriotism and reaffirm the solidarity of the Empire as a whole, and possibly to overawe extremists.

## A HUN COMPLAINT.

PARIS, December 15th. Erzberger read before the armistice commission a declaration complaining of the increased severity of the Allies' conditions, their failure to revivify Germany, and the raising of the blockade, the liberation of war prisoners, and the immediate opening of peace negotiations.

## TROTSKY BEATS LENIN.

STOCKHOLM, December 15th. A Swedish naval attaché from Petrograd who has arrived here, says the Bolshevik leaders heatedly discussed the question of abandoning the entire Soviet régime. Lenin favoured abandonment. Trotsky opposed, and secured a small majority for holding out to the last.

## LONDON ELECTIONS.

## EXTRAORDINARY POLL OF WOMEN.

LONDON, December 15th. There was a complete absence of disorder at the polling yesterday, except for a slight scuffle between Sinnfeiners and Nationalists at 21, Upper Street, Islington, where a fight broke out. The polling was a success everywhere, with the eagerness of women to vote. The proportion of women to men in one London division was ten to one, which is asserted the proportion at Hammersmith was fifty to one.

## A COSSACK VICTORY.

STOCKHOLM, December 15th. It is reported from Kiev that Don Cossacks have defeated the Bolsheviks in a two days battle between the city and Voronezh, taking eleven hundred prisoners and twenty-one guns.

## NO USE FOR SOVIETS.

AMSTERDAM, December 15th. Berlin newspaper report that General Marshall Foch told the German press, who requested facilities for the journey of delegates from occupied regions to the Berlin congress of Soviets that the Allies would not recognise the Soviets.

## SALE OF ROSES AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

The sale of roses on behalf of the Red Cross began this morning in the entrance of the Hongkong Hotel. By kindness of Mr. Taggart, a stall was erected, this being nicely decorated and in the centre was a large Red Cross. There was on the stall a large and beautiful selection of roses all carefully arranged in vases. The stall was presided over by Mrs. Harrington who was assisted by Mrs. Bird. Mrs. Harrington hopes to be able to hold a sale daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the next two weeks and after that three times a week if the supply of roses will permit a daily sale. The whole of the proceeds are handed to the care of Mrs. Taggart who will forward them to the Red Cross. We are sure the sales will meet with every success as apart from the fact that the roses are the finest ever seen in the Colony it is an admirable way of helping the Red Cross.

## AN EARLY BIRD.

Before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne a Chinese was charged with the theft of 30 catties of fish, valued at \$2.50, from a stall in the Western Market. The theft was committed at 2 o'clock this morning, and when questioned as to his purpose in going to the market so early, the man said he went there to buy fish. He admitted he did not bring money for this purpose, but stated that he used to buy fish from the stallholders on credit, and pay them back with the proceeds of his sale. On the evidence of two of the stalls of the stall, the man was found guilty and was sentenced by the Magistrate to one month's rigorous imprisonment and four hours' stocks in lieu of the last day.

## BLAMED THE COLD.

For reading some pretty bold lies in the Chinese press, the Chinese Government has been blamed for the cold.

## SKETCH CLUB EXHIBITION.

The Hongkong Sketch Club's exhibition of amateur art was thrown open to the public at the City Hall this morning, promptly at 10 o'clock.

The works of the Sketch Club show notable merit, as evidenced by the one hundred and seventy odd pictures on display at the exhibition. Considering that their authors lay no claims to professionalism, many of the specimens are remarkably good.

Among those pictures which seem particularly worthy of mention are the group of ten in Section "B" by Mrs. J. L. McPherson, with the titles of "The Moving Finger Writes," "Hongkong," "Hongkong Harbour—Night," "Poster," "Ghosts," "Islands," "Hongkong Harbour—Light," "Moonlight over Lyman," "Sunset over Lan Tai," "Hongkong Harbour." In addition to these ten, Mrs. McPherson has thirteen in Section "G."

Mrs. Beckwith's display consists of nearly twenty pictures. The majority of her work was executed on the Isle of Man, and are views of English landscapes. Mrs. Beckwith shows exceptional talent, especially in her one-point perspective, "Pan Chang, near Hongkong."

Mrs. Murray Scott has four pictures in Section "B" and five in Section "C," all of which show great aptitude, her one entitled "Temple in Causeway Bay" being, possibly, the best of the number.

Besides those mentioned, the exhibition has catalogued in Section "A" one picture each by "Anonymous," Mrs. McPherson, Miss Hastings, Miss B. A. Parker, Miss V. E. Grimble, Mrs. B. Brown, Lieut. F. C. Millington, R.G.A., Miss W. Griffin, Lieut. A. C. Colman, R.G.A., and Mr. E. L. Sim; in Section "B" five pictures by Miss H. A. Parker, two by Miss Hastings, one by Miss D. Lander, twenty-five by Lieut. F. C. Millington, nine by Mrs. E. A. Ram, and two by Mrs. R. Brown; and in Section "C" eight by Mr. C. H. Bacon, three by Miss N. W. Bacombe, eight by Miss V. E. Grimble, two by Mrs. B. Brown, four by Mrs. D. C. Aubrey, eighteen by Mr. E. L. Sim, one by Mrs. G. P. de Martin, eleven by Mrs. A. C. Franklin, three by Mrs. E. A. Ram, one by Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton, six by Miss Griffin, one by Mr. Denham Fuller, and seven by Lieut. A. C. Colman.

Mr. H. W. Bid this morning selected Mrs. McPherson's exhibit to be awarded the "Special Prize," a beautiful silver cup, for the best collection of pictures done by members of the Sketch Club. The first, second and third prizes will be given to Lieut. F. C. Millington, Mr. E. L. Sim and Mrs. W. E. Griffin, respectively, they having been voted the winners by members of the club.

## BILLIARDS.

In the final of the handicap held by the Dockyard Recreation Club, Mr. C. James and Mr. A. G. Fife were the finalists, the former receiving 100 points and the latter having a handicap of 110. As was expected Fife did most of the scoring and when he had disposed of his handicap, James had scored 40, the scores then reading, James 140, Fife 0 to 140 to 36, and 181 to 140. With James still leading show how Fife was gradually overtaking his opponent.

James did not produce anything like the form which won his matches in the previous rounds, neither did Fife, who usually manages to compile a break of 50 or more in a match, whereas 20 was his best in this game. When James had accumulated 197, Fife took the lead for the first time, 225-197. The result was never in doubt after the first 70 minutes, Fife scoring consistently and winning after 70 minutes play. The best breaks were 20, 13 four times, 16 and 18 by Fife, and 15 by James. Final scores: Fife 105, James 110, 225.

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## MOTOR CAR LEAPS OVER PRECIPICE ON TAIPO ROAD.

HONGKONG RESIDENTS INJURED.

There was a serious motor car accident yesterday afternoon on the road between Shau and Kowloon, when a car, containing Lieut. Sykes of the Hongkong Police, R. G. A., Kowloon, Mr. D. M. Mackay of the Tai Koo Dock Company, Mrs. Mackay, and a Chinese chauffeur fell over the edge of a precipice, falling a distance of about 30 ft. The party was returning from a motor trip in the New Territories, the car being about 4.30 p.m. They had just reached the thirtieth mile-stone over the bridge on the Tai Koo Road and had reached a very steep portion of the road on the one side of which was a hill and on the other a precipice. What allowed no one seemingly to know—the car with a crash fell over the edge. Two opinions are either that there was a landslide or that the car, which at the time was doing about four miles an hour, was too near the edge. As the car turned over, Mrs. Mackay was flung out but a tree broke her fall. Mr. Mackay was also flung out and fell some distance from the car. Lieut. Sykes was the most unfortunate for he was pinned down by the car and received a dislocated hip and severe cuts and bruises. The chauffeur's right forearm was broken. The car was a total wreck.

After the accident Mr. Mackay lifted his wife to one side of the road, and with the help of coolies, who fortunately were near, raised the unconscious form of Lieut. Sykes from amid the wreckage. At this moment a party of motorists consisting of Inspectors Angus, Grant and Watt, and Sergt. McWalter arrived, and they rendered first aid. Sergt. McWalter of the Shatin Police Station was despatched on a motorcycle to Kowloon for Dr. Lindsay Woods, the rest of the party following in a car. Dr. Lindsay Woods rode out to meet them and had Lieut. Sykes and the chauffeur removed to the Government Civil Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Mackay went home, their injuries not being so serious.

We are glad to hear that the injuries of all are not so serious as reported in the morning papers.

## AN OATH TO TAKE.

Police Sergeant Dwyer, is circulating the following, by a poet named Dunfield:—

I will not drink from a German cup.  
Or eat from a German plate.  
I will not deal with a German man.  
All foul with German hate.  
I'll use no drug with a German name.  
That is grown on German land.  
I'll eat no food and drink no beer.  
If made by a German hand.  
I will not use a German tool.  
Razor or knife or saw.  
I will not trade with a German shop.  
That lives by the German law.  
I will not sail on a German ship.  
Where German songs are sung.  
I will not breathe where God's clean air.

Is soiled by a German tongue.  
I'll not forget those awful deeds.  
To girls and little boys.  
No more I'll hang on Christmas trees.  
Those bloodstained German toys.  
I will not take a German's word.  
He'll break it if he can.  
There is no love in a German heart.  
Or faith in a German man.  
This is my oath, when war is done.  
I'll swear to keep it true as I am.  
And since I know you feel the same.  
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IN THE MORRIS PARADE GROUND.

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On SATURDAY, 21st December, at 8 p.m.

Popular Prices—Ladies \$1.00, Gents \$1.50.

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## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. V. A. JAMES, C.M.S.

RE K. P. GENERAL ORDERS.

No. 25 December 1918. Mr. Messer, directed, on relinquishing charge of the Police Force, to convey to all officers of the Police Force, both Regular and Reserve, his sincere thanks for their loyalty and co-operation during his arduous period.

No. 26 December 1918. Mr. F. D. C. Wolfe has this day assumed the post of the office of Captain Superintendent of Police.

## SERVICE RIFLES.

All Service Rifles held by members of Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons must be returned to the Armory between the hours of 5.15 and 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17th.

## RIFLE MATCH POSTPONED.

The rifle competition between the Police and Tai Koo, which was intended to have been held Sunday and yesterday, 14th and 15th December, was postponed because of the inability of both teams to get a full complement of marksmen. The match will be held, however, on a date to be announced later.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## APPEAL FOR INCREASED WAGES.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE Register of Shareholders will be closed from the 31st day of December, 1918, to the 31st day of January, 1919, both days INCLUSIVE.

The rights to shares in the new company will accrue to the Shareholders who are on the Register on the 30th day of December, 1918.

All intending TRANSFERS should be sent on or before the 21st December, 1918.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, HONGKONG BRANCH.

I have this day handed over Charge of this Office to Mr. S. YASUDA.

Manager, NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, HONGKONG BRANCH.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, HONGKONG BRANCH.

I have this day assumed Charge of the Company's business at this port.

S. YASUDA, Manager, NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, HONGKONG BRANCH.

HONGKONG, 16th December, 1918.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## HONGKONG STEEL FOUNDRY CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) per share for accounts 1918 will be payable on SATURDAY, the 30th December, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd December, 1918, to SATURDAY, 28th December, 1918, both days inclusive.

GORDON & GOTT, General Managers.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

In connection with the forthcoming Rifle Meeting there will be a "Bisley" Competition open to all comers, (200, 300, and 400 yards) to be fired on Saturday, 28th December. Firing to commence at 1 P.M. Entrance fee 50 cents per competitor, who must provide his own ammunition (24 rounds in all).

Entrance, accompanied by entrance fee, to be sent to the Hon. Secretary Mr. C. F. A. Wells, c/o Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, not later than NOON on TUESDAY 17th December.

A quiddling card will be sent to each competitor in due course.

There will also be an open service revolver competition on 28th and 29th December (all day), 20 yards, 6 shots, deliberate. Bisley Targets. Unlimited entries which can be made at the Range at 50 cents per 6 shots.

Programme and entrance forms can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary as above, or at H. K. D. C. Headquarters on and after 12th December.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from R. M. VICTORIANO, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 18th December, 1918, at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee Hom Street.

1,400 lbs. SPLIT PEAS.  
1,000 lbs. MARROWFAT PEAS.  
Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HUGHES, Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs F. W. SMITH & CO., CHEFBOO, to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 23rd December, 1918, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee Hom Street.

A valuable consignment of TABLE LINEN, DRAWN THREAD WORK, LADIES' UNDERWEAR, etc.

These articles are of exceptional value equal to the best, and being made of high class materials with exquisite modern designs in rich colors, will be a valuable addition to any household.

Competing Double Bedsteads, heavy Upholstered Bedsteads, and a variety of beautifully upholstered chairs, sofas, and other furniture, will be sold by auction on the 23rd and 24th inst. at the Hong Kong Hotel, under the supervision of Messrs. F. W. Smith & Co., Auctioneers.

## NOTICES.

## Lane, Crawford &amp; Co.

CALIFORNIAN FRUITS FOR XMAS.

Bartlett Pears, Green Apples, Apricots, Royal Anne Apples, Lemon Cling Peaches, Egg Plums, Pineapple, etc., etc., etc.

HERE are canned Californian Fruits of tempting richness in heavy syrup affording the touch of delicate goodness which crowns the feast.

One way of serving canned fruit: One tin Golden Peaches, 1 Cup of Sugar, 3 Cups Cream, 3 Eggs.

Mash Peaches into sugar and beaten whites of three eggs and cream put in "Auto-Vac" freezer and freeze enough for 12 people.

They may also be served in "Jell-O" America's finest dessert or in Punch, Mousses, Souffles, etc.

This style of Sweet should always be served after a heavy drinker, being light, tasty and something to be remembered.

Special Prices for 1/2 or 1 Doz. tins.

ALL KINDS OF CHRISTMAS FAIR AND GOOD CHEER IN STOCK OR EXPECTED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

NEW COLUMBIA RECORDS.

A 1877 LA PALOMA ORCHESTRA.  
A 2248 THE TRILING ARABIAN.  
A 2249 WOODLAND CHIMES.  
A 2250 HUMOROUS MANDOLINE.  
A 2251 BRASS BAND FROM JOCKEY.  
A 2252 HADDOCK, MALCOLM A.  
A 2253 LE RIVE PASSE MARCH BAND.  
A 2254 LE TOUT PARIS.

THE ANDERSON MUSIC CO., LTD.

REMINGTON, MONARCH AND SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITERS.

ENQUIRIES AND INSPECTION INVITED MUSTARD & CO.















## COMMERCIAL.

## MONT NICKEL CO., LTD.

The adjourned fourth ordinary general meeting of the Mont Nickel Company, Ltd., was held on the 26th September, at 89, Victoria Street, S.W., Mr. Robert Mond, J.P. (the Chairman), presiding.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the accounts, congratulated the shareholders on the satisfactory results obtained by last year's trading. He said that if the company's developments had not been hindered by the war the profits might have been considerably improved, assuming that they had been able to place their products at pre-war prices. He pointed out the fact that the company was essentially a mining, smelting, and refining company. The company possessed good mines, and was one of the pioneers in developing the mineral resources of the British Empire. Jelling with the balance sheet, the Chairman said that the balance to the credit of the profit and loss account was £251,840, which was an increase of £100,000 over the previous year's figure. The available balance was £105,851, as compared with £410,108 last year. An interim dividend on the ordinary capital of 1s. per share was paid on February 5, 1918, subject to deduction of income tax, and a further dividend was paid on July 30 as 1s. per share, free of income tax. The directors proposed to place £250,000 to reserve account and to carry forward, including provision for part of war tax, £251,840. In view of the very uncertain conditions which might prevail after the war, the directors felt that it was in the best interests of the shareholders to provide for any unforeseen contingencies by strengthening the position of the company. As to the general situation, the industry carried on by the company was one of those "key industries" which were of vital importance to the country. The use of nickel in its various forms, and of copper sulphate for the preservation of our food plants, was of the utmost value for the maintenance of our country, and he wished to lay stress on the advantages accruing from the possession of an important refinery of Canadian ores situated in this country. Not only did the company employ British labour, but they provided a large reserve of those essential materials which would safeguard this country against any temporary interruption of the regular supply from any cause whatsoever. In conclusion, the Chairman said that if we were to be successful in our efforts to supply German trade, both in home and foreign markets, we should get ready to do so now. This company was ready to do so, and he was in that opinion, and to enable it to do so, they only wanted a fair field and no favours.

Sir Robert A. Hadfield, Bart., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

## MOUNT AUSTIN (JOHORE) RUBBER ESTATES, LTD.

The eighth ordinary general meeting was held on September 30th, at 38, Leakey, E.C.1, Sir Ernest W. Birch, K.C.M.G., presiding.

The Chairman said that he explained the process by which the capital was increased and the Debentures wiped out at an extraordinary meeting on February 24, and it was further explained in the report presented on that day; so he would say no more than reiterate the fact that the item of £12,000 for Debenture Interest would now cease. The capital has been increased from £400,000 to £500,000. Last year the net amount of profit from sales of rubber was shown at £24,281. This year the gross amount was shown, and from it was deducted the cost of production and the transit and selling charges, the net result being a profit of £20,980. This result of the accounts was that they began this financial year with a balance of £27,654 to the credit of profit and loss account, and that they ended it with a balance of £20,015. Last year a dividend of 10 per cent. less tax, was distributed. The proposal of the directors as to the utilisation of the available sum of £20,015 was shown in the report. Last year they harvested 1,429,280 lbs. of rubber at an "all-in" cost of 1s. 4d. This year the output was 2,208,577 lbs. at a cost of 1s. 4d. The cost of production per lb. was greater by three farthings, and the gross selling price was less by sixpence; so, though they had harvested 879,297 lbs. of rubber more than in the previous year, they obtained about £700 less for their output. The estimated output was 2,200,000 lbs., and that was exceeded by 87,577 lbs. The bulk of this increase was obtained from the Mount Austin division. At March 31 the estate measured 10,927 acres, and 10,799 acres of planted rubber, with 777,449 trees, were being tapped, of which over 10,000 were now trees taken in. The vast majority of the trees were tapped on the conservative system of once-a-third and one in quarter cuts. The yield per acre was still small, the highest yield being 340 lbs. on Mount Austin division. But all the divisions show satisfactory progress as compared with the year ended March 31, 1917. There was every reason to expect a steady increase in the output for a number of years. Mr. Anker continued his report that the progress mentioned in last year's report was continued during the year, and he had a confident view with regard to the future.

The report was unanimously adopted, and the dividend of 10 per cent. less tax, was declared.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

## Administrative Order by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commander.

## STRENGTH.

The Commandant records, with deep regret, the death of Seppur J. Wan, Engineer Company, on 8th December, 1918.

## APPROPRIATION OF SERVICE.

The following Routine Order dated 5.12.18 is re-published for information.

On the suspension of the Examination Service for the first time since the outbreak of War, the General Officer Commanding wishes to place on record his appreciation of the services rendered by the Artillery and the Electric Search Light Engineers, both Regular and Local, during the whole period of the War.

"For more than four long years the Searchlights have kept their ceaseless vigil by night supported by the Batteries, and it is probably due to their assistance by the Navy by the faithful performance of this warlike and monotonous duty that this harbour has been immune from any untoward incident through enemy action."

The Major-General is also mindful of the fact that the Searchlight members of the Hongkong Defence Corps on every tour of duty have had to perform their ordinary daily avocations of life after scarcely half a night's rest, and to them his thanks are specially due.

## APPOINTMENTS.

No. 322 Pte. W. H. Hewitt and No. 804 Pte. P. H. Rolfe, Signalling Section, to be Lance-Corporals, dated 11 December, 1918.

## LEAVE.

Lieut. J. Owen-Flanagan, is granted four months' extension of leave, from 18.1.19.

Pte. H. Seth, Mounted Section, is granted six months' leave, on business, from 6.12.18.

Pte. A. H. Barlow, "B" Company, is granted six months' leave, on business, from 13.12.18.

Pte. N. S. Brown, "B" Company, is granted 21 months' leave, on business, to date from day of departure.

Pte. K. H. Digby, "A" Company, is granted 10 months' leave, on business, to date from day of departure.

## EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.

No names of candidates will be received after 10 a.m. on Monday, 16th December.

## Orders for Artillery Company, by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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## THE GENERAL ELECTION.

## COALITION PROGRAMME.

LONDON, December 15th. The Coalition Headquarters states that the five points in the Premier's programme are: (1) to return the soldiers home as soon as possible, (2) to treat the ex-soldiers and ex-sailors better, (3) to provide better social conditions, (4) to provide better social conditions, (5) to provide better social conditions.

## LABOUR PROSPECTS.

LONDON, December 14th. Mr. Lloyd George, in a statement on the eve of the poll, said that he would not be indisputably clear that he stood for abolition of conscription in the Army of all ranks, otherwise the Peace Conference would be a failure and a sham.

Any British Delegate to the Conference must labor to secure that object. The Labourites are now more confident of securing more than the 130 seats which they originally estimated.

The Conditions will concede to Labour a minimum of 80 seats. The Coalition is now emphasizing that the only issue is whether the Government, which organized victory, will be retained to make peace and organize reconstruction, to which the Opposition Press resorts, to vote for a free parliament, free trade, no conscription.

Mr. Lloyd George winds up his vigorous campaign by speaking at Lambeth to-day. Mrs. Lloyd George has been working very hard touring the remote hamlets of Wales, while Mr. Asquith and Mr. Bonar Law were assisted by their daughters as speakers and canvassers.

Mr. Asquith, yesterday, travelled 100 miles to East Fife, addressing seven meetings. He was severely hoarse.

Colonel Lucas, the Unionist Candidate for Renfrewshire, died after nomination. His widow stands in his place.

The poll at Kennington has been postponed for December 20th.

NO EXCITEMENT.

LONDON, December 15th. The election, in which 1,000,000 voters will poll tomorrow, though described as the most momentous in modern times, is characterized by a curious lack of excitement, almost amounting to apathy.

This is notably so in the case of the 8,000,000 new women voters, whose verdict no political prophet ventures to forecast.

That the Coalition will be victorious is a certainty. The only question is the size of the Majority, estimates of which vary from 180 to 200 over all other Parties. It is asserted that the results of the canvass made many candidates nervous regarding what would be considered safe seats and at least 200 seats are doubtful, including the seats of prominent people like Mr. B. McKenna, Sir A. Henderson, and Mr. Eric Geddes, Lord Stanley, Mr. G. H. Roberts, and others.

FRANCE PROPOSES FRESH PENALTIES.

PARIS, December 11th. The French Press state that the conditions imposed on Germany may be made stricter owing to lack of faith.

Other towns might be occupied. As a partial reprisal for the French prisoners killed, the towns must pay indemnity to the families of the men who perished.

In conformity with the Armistice terms the Germans have handed over to the Allies about £320,000,000 received from the Russians by virtue of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty. The money has reached Paris and has been deposited in the Bank of France for the joint account of the Allies.

HOLLAND SUSPECTS BELGIUM.

THE HAGUE, December 14th. In the Second Chamber there was a lengthy debate on the alleged Belgian designs on Dutch Limburg.

The Premier said the Government was convinced of the Limburgers' patriotism and the determination of the Dutch and people to maintain territorial integrity.

In view of the recent passage of German troops and material through Limburg, Belgium is requesting Holland to grant facilities for the forwarding of war materials by way of the Scheldt to Antwerp.

BONAR LAW TO RESIGN.

LONDON, December 15th. Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at Glasgow, forebode his early retirement from the Chairmanship.

LIFE IN RUSSIA UNBEARABLE.

MORE OFFICIALS THAN EVER.

CHRISTIANIA, December 10th. Eighteen Norwegians, belonging to various classes, have just arrived from Russia where they lived throughout the revolution.

They declare that life is absolutely unbearable, even for the most favoured classes.

The Bolsheviks continue their policy of exterminating all opposition, including the intellectual classes, who are all Democrats.

The productive forces of the country are dwindling owing to destruction and mismanagement.

The food situation is being shamefully mishandled.

Here is a typical example:—The Norwegians had a farm in connection with a factory which they manned. The Bolsheviks commandeered the farm but left the crops to rot.

The growth of Government officials is enormous. There are 16,000 food officials in Petrograd alone and things are nearly as bad at Moscow, where milk and oatmeal, beans, fat, and cocoa are unobtainable.

The prices of necessities continue exorbitant.

Railway communication has ceased, except on the main lines.

The Norwegians think that the withdrawal of Allied troops from Russia would be a fatal policy, encouraging the Bolsheviks to further outrages.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## SCANDINAVIA AND RUSSIA.

## BREAKING OFF RELATIONS.

CHRISTIANIA, December 12th. The *Alten Posten* states that the Norwegian Legation has ordered for Norway. Probably the Bolshevik representatives will be ordered to leave Norway shortly.

It is also reported that Denmark is about to break off connections with the Bolshevik Russia.

STOCKHOLM, December 12th. The *Dagens Nyheter* says that negotiations are proceeding in Stockholm with a view to the establishment of a new Government in Russia immediately the Bolsheviks are overthrown.

The ex-Russian Premier, M. Trepoff, has arrived here. It appears that M. Trepoff is negotiating with four other Russian moderates with a view to forming a new Government.

STOCKHOLM, December 12th. The report of the formation of a new Russian Government, under M. Trepoff, is authoritatively denied.

STOCKHOLM, December 12th. A telegram from Petrograd states that, according to an official Ukrainian source, Generali Ruzskii and Radkometoff were shot by order of the Soviet of the town of Piasporsk.

NO CONSCRIPTION.

EVEN IF CONTINENTALS CONTINUE.

LONDON, December 12th. The *Evening Standard* is surprised to state that Mr. Lloyd George will press forward the abolition of conscription in Great Britain even if he is unsuccessful in inducing the Continental Powers at the Peace Conference to do so.

MEDAL FOR MERCHANT MARINE.

LONDON, December 12th. The King has approved the grant of a silver medal to the Merchant Marine for war services.

IRONWORKERS.

LONDON, December 12th. After conferring with the men at Newcastle yesterday, the Iron and Steel Trades Employers' Association decided to recommend their Associations to concede an "eight-hour day."

WAR BONDS WITHDRAWN.

LONDON, December 12th. The Treasury announces that the present issue of War Bonds will be withdrawn early in January. Exchange and rowing will continue, but later issues of bonds will not carry the present conversion rights.

NO CHRISTMAS NEWSPAPERS.

LONDON, December 12th. The English newspapers will publish neither on Christmas Day nor on Boxing Day.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

LONDON, December 12th. There was a great Army and Navy Boxing Tournament at the Albert Hall.

In the bantam-weight final, Sergeant Inspector Jimmy White beat to Seaman Pal Moore of the United States Navy. Prolonged shouting followed the announcement of the decision.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT.

BERNE, December 12th. Doctor Gustave Ador, Honorary President of the International Red Cross, has been elected President of Switzerland for 1919.

INTERNED GREEKS ESCAPE.

PARIS, December 12th. M. Gounaris, ex-Premier of Greece and Colonel Metaxas, who were interned at Algeiras since June, 1917, have escaped. It was intended to take them to Athens for trial.

MEXICO PRO-ALLY.

MEXICO CITY, December 10th. The events in Europe have profoundly modified Mexico's international policy. The Mexican Cabinet has been remodelled in a pro-ally sense.

MALAYA PRAISED.

LONDON, December 10th. The newspapers appreciatively record the Malay States' further contribution of 25,000 to the King's Fund for Sailors, making a total contribution of nearly £25,000.

ENGLAND TO INDIA BY AIR.

LONDON, December 14th. An aeroplane with a crew of six left Ipswich yesterday for a flight to Karachi and Delhi.

RESTORING BRITISH SHIPS.

AMSTERDAM, December 14th. A telegram from Hamburg states that all interned British merchantmen in German ports will be assembled at Kiel, where they will be manned by German crews and proceed to British ports.

RATTAN.

The American Consul-General at Hongkong has received instructions from Washington to the effect that all import restrictions on rattan in its various forms and rods including cases have been removed by the War Trade Board of the United States.

Instructions have also been received indicating that the list of restricted imports No. 1 and 2 have been amended as to items 22, 77, and 185 so as to permit the licensing of imports of cotton lace and lace articles, silk bonnets, eggs, hair pens and hair nettings originating in and coming from China.

## NOTICES.

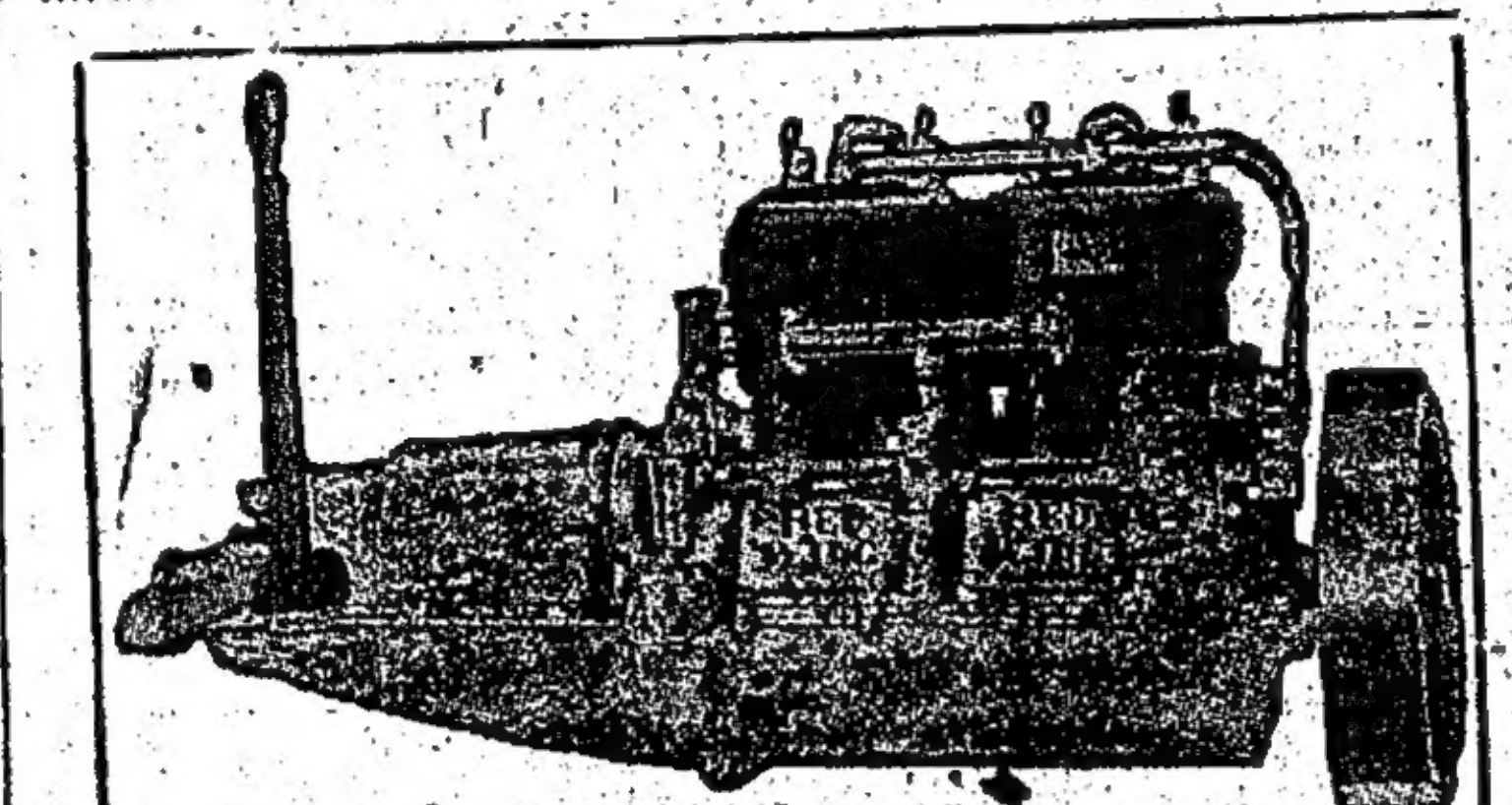
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## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 5, 337.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries", will be received at this Office until Noon on Wednesday, the 18th day of December, 1918, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year from the 1st January, 1919.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out of his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

## PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Deposit required with tender.
Tat Tai Mai No. 2	12.02	250
Shaukiwan Nos. 3 and 4	73.90	900
Hok On No. 6	8.44	700
Ma Tau Kok No. 7	6.70	500
Do. No. 8	4.60	300
Jordan Road No. 10	2.98	130
Yau-mai No. 11	2.00	300
Ngau Tau Kok No. 6	10.12	350
Do. Nos. 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 20 & 25	3.90	100
Do. Nos. 9, 11-14, 21 & 22	24.56	500
Chai Kwo Ling Nos. 1-30	16.63	140
Sai Tau Wan Nos. 1-16	26.44	600
Lye-mun Nos. 1-25	2.10	40
Do. No. 26	4.29	250
Fuk Tsun, Heung No. 12	2.35	40
Tung I No. 1		

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## WEATHER REPORT.

December 16th, 1918. 0m.—No returns from Japan, Vladivostok, Indo-China, and Manila. Pressure has decreased slightly to moderately at the majority of reporting stations, the anticyclone having moved eastward. The monsoon will continue to blow freshly over the Formosa Channel and the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 101.58 inches against an average of 82.54 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 17th December:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy, occasional rain.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lameo: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 16, 1918.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Victoria Peak	5 a.						
Memuro	5 a.						
Hakodadi	"						
Tokio	"						
Kochi	"						
Nagasaki	"						
Kagoshima	"						
Osaka	"						
Naha	"						
Ishijima	"						
Bonin Island	"						
Weihaiwei	6 a.	30.05	34	92		0	
Hankow	"						
Ichang	"						
Kinching	"						
Changsha	"						
Shanghai	"	30.11	48	100		2	
Canton	"	30.02	62	108		4	
Yokohama	"	30.06	62	88		1	
Sharp Peak	"	30.06	62	88		2	
Amoy	"						
Swatow	"						
Taihoi	5 a.	30.04	64	94	ENE	2	
Taipei	"	30.02	61	94		0	
Tientsin	"	30.04	65			2	
Kobe	"	29.97	72		SW	4	
Yokohama	"	30.04	64		ENE	0	
Canton	6 a.	30.08	62	100		1	
Hongkong	"	30.01	64	92		5	
Cap Rock	"	29.95				5	
Macao	"	30.05	64	94	ENE	4	
Wuchow	9 a.						
Fuzhou	"						
Hainan	"						
Phu Lien	7 a.						
Tourane	"						
C. St. James	"						
Apari	5 a.						
Dagupan	"						
Manila	"						
Legaspi	"						
Tacolban	"						
Iloilo	"						
Surigao	"						
Goa	12.20						
Labuan	6 a.	29.78	78	81	SW		